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FACSIMILE CERTIFICATE Atty Dkt. SCS-124-1144 In re Patent Application of I hereby certify that this C# M# correspondence is being transmitted TC/A.U.: 2883 MCNIE et al by facsimile to the Patent and Examiner: M. El Shammaa Serial No. 10/565,017 Trademark Office on April 14, 2008, specifically to 57,1-27878309 Date: April 14, 2008 Filed: January 19, 2006 VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR Title: Commissioner for Patents nature P.O. Box 1450 Starley & Spooner Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Reg No. 27,393 No. of pages transmitted (including this cover sheet): pages Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. NOTICE OF APPEAL Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences \$510,00 (1401)/\$255.00 (2401) 510.00 from the last decision of the Examiner twice/finally rejecting applicant's claim(s). An appeal BRIEF is attached in the pending appeal of the \$510.00 (1402)/\$255.00 (2402) above-identified application -\$ (Credit for fees paid in prior appeal without decision on merits (no fee) A reply brief is attached. Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review form attached. Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251) paper and attachment(s) Two Month Extensions \$460.00 (1252)/\$230.00 (2252) Three Month Extensions \$1050.00 (1253/\$525.00 (2253) Four Month Extensions \$1640.00 (1254/\$820.00 (2254) "Small entity" statement attached. -\$(month extension previously paid on Less TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED 510.00 Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u>, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached 901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYEAS/C By Atty: Stanley C. Spooner Arlington, Virginia 22203-1808 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 SCS:kmm Signature: 04/15/2008 PCHOMP 00000008 141140 10565017 01 FC:1401 510.00 DA

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